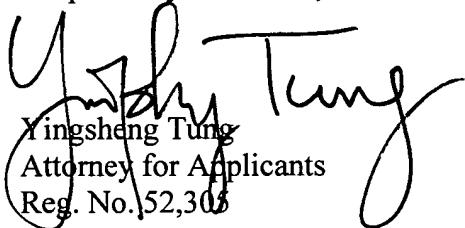


Remarks/Arguments

Applicants thank Examiner Johnson for his careful examination of this application and clear explanation of the claim rejections; and for allowing claims 9-17 and conditionally allowing claims 4, 5, 7, and 8. In response, applicants amend claim 1 to incorporate all the limitations in the allowable claim 7 and cancel claim 7 from the examination. Claims 2, 3, and 6 now properly depend from allowable claim 1 and therefore stand patentable; claims 4, 5, and 8 also properly depend from allowable claim 1 and therefore stand patentable on this additional ground as well.

Applicants respectfully request further examination of this application and timely allowance of all pending claims.

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